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by adding the following new section immediately preceding the last section and by renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION ____.

(a) Through enactment of this section, it is the intent of the general assembly to provide a mechanism to assist persons who are Medicaid eligible or unable to obtain health insurance coverage on a group basis, to purchase private market health insurance.

(b) Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 71-5-19___. The commissioner of health is authorized and directed to apply for a federal waiver pursuant to Section 1115 of Title XIX of the Social Security Act ("Medicaid Act"), 42 U.C.S. §1315, or any other applicable federal law, and, to the extent authorized by such federal waiver, to establish a pilot program to include state-assisted purchase of private market health insurance with federal financial participation for persons otherwise eligible for medical assistance under the federal Medicaid program, and/or for other persons having income below two hundred fifty percent (250%) of poverty, who do not have access to health insurance coverage on a group basis. The program may also allow persons having income at or above two hundred fifty percent (250%) of poverty, who do not have access to health insurance coverage on a group basis, to have access to and purchase the same insurance as is made available to persons who are eligible for subsidized insurance. To the extent authorized by

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such federal waiver, such program may replace portions of or modify the TennCare Program. The scope and parameters of the pilot program shall be established by the commissioner of health along with the director of the TennCare bureau and the comptroller.

(c) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-102(a), is amended by deleting from the final sentence the words and punctuation "state plan." and by substituting instead the following:

state plan, including any federal waiver authorizing state-assisted purchase of private market health insurance with federal financial participation.

(d) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-106(j), is amended by deleting the words and punctuation "state plan." and by substituting instead the following:

state plan, including any federal waiver authorizing state-assisted purchase of private market health insurance with federal financial participation.